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Office of Child Care  
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Washington, DC 20201

Re: Planned Use of the CRRSA Funds

This letter describes how the Hoopa Tribal Child Care Program plans to use the Child Care and Development Funds (CCDF) awarded under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA). We understand that this description will be used for the purpose of informing the Office of Child Care, Administration for Children and Families and Congress how our Lead Agency anticipates using the funds to support the child care needs in our jurisdiction.

We plan to use CRRSA funds for activities in the following categories:

1. Direct Services:

Health and safety materials and Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) provided to child care programs in the service area to help with reopening of the child care programs safely.

Hire cultural and language specialist to create curriculum for the center. Curriculum that can be used over ZOOM while families and children continue to be under the stay-at-home order and curriculum that can be used in the center when the center opens.

Provide an hourly hazard pay for center staff who work on site cleaning and preparing activities for children and families, who deliver supplies to the homes and hand out supplies at the center. These staff come in direct contact with parents, delivery persons and others.

2. Implementation of Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices:

The center continues to teach through distant/remote learning. We are able to keep in touch with the families and children and ensure their needs are being met. We continue to move towards opening our center in order to serve the children at a ratio that is healthy and safe for the children and the staff. Supplies will be purchased to create safe outdoor learning environments at the center.

Supply boxes purchased and delivered to families and children at their home to promote mental wellness, health, safety, food security, and culture and education. Upgrade the center's internet system.

3. Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to stabilize Child Care Providers

"Our agency is not planning to use funds under this heading"

4. Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic

The Hoopa Tribe provides center-based services only. Any new providers are appropriately trained in areas based on job descriptions and all providers, new and existing, will have training on health and safety protocol based on the CDC and Hoopa Tribal Office of Emergency Service guidelines. Trainings may be offered to parents of the center also.

5. Other (any allowable costs through CCDF plan)

Minor renovations at the center such as expansion of the porch and installing hands free bathroom fixtures. Storage will be provided to ensure the inside of the center is not overcrowded and there is more free space for children and staff. Educational and cultural supplies are provided for distance learning to children who have not been able to socially gather and have had a hard time physically and mentally throughout the school year.

The Hoopa Tribal Child Care Program is thankful to receive the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Act (CRRSA) funds to assist our tribal childcare program in moving forward and opening our doors to children while continuing to keep our families and staff safe and well.

The Hoopa Tribal Child Care Program provides CCDF child care services by center care only. The Hoopa reservation has been closed to anyone living outside of the reservation square since the beginning of the COVID 19 Pandemic and continues to be closed as COVID cases fluctuate daily. The Hoopa Elementary and High Schools have all remained closed with very limited remote services since March of 2020 and many children have been struggling to complete their school work from their homes. Unfortunately, many of our families do not have reliable internet service or transportation and this has been a huge challenge this year for everyone as we have had to quickly change our way of working, teaching, and learning.

Any activities implemented under CRRSA funding and that are not currently described in the Hoopa Valley Tribe's CCDF plan will be amended within 60 days as needed.

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